

Finding Aid of 33GRF-13: D. Victor Meekins Prints from Glass Plate Negatives, 1900s -1920s

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Outer Banks History Center, Manteo, N.C.

Creator: D. Victor Meekins

Title: 33GRF-13 D. Victor Meekins Prints from Glass Plate Negatives, 1900s-1920s

Language of Materials: English

Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please contact the Outer Banks History Center, www.obhistorycenter.ncdcr.gov.

Abstract:

Daniel Victor Meekins (1897-1964) was born on the north end of Roanoke Island, and grew up with Dare County as well as in it. He served as Dare County sheriff and postmaster of Manteo, as well as chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners. Meekins started the Dare County based newspaper, *The Dare County Times*, which later became *The Coastland Times* and which is still published by the Meekins family.

Meekins experimented with photography as a teenager. The 238 images he created between 1912 and 1925 represent some of the finest examples of life on Roanoke Island during the first quarter of last century.

Extent:

238 Glass plate negatives

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

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Acquisitions Information:

Donated by D. Victor Meekins' son, Roger Meekins, in 1994.

Processing Information

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Daniel Victor Meekins (1897-1964) was born on the north end of Roanoke Island, and grew up with Dare County as well as in it. He moved to Norfolk, Va in 1916 to attend business school before joining the army and serving in World War I. In 1922, W.O. Saunders of Elizabeth City hired Meekins to write for his newspaper *The Independent*. Meekins was instrumental in promoting Dare County and helping to bring attention to the area's historical resources. He served on the planning committee for the 1926 Dare County Homecoming. He moved back to Roanoke Island in 1927, and was elected Dare County sheriff, a position he held until 1946. As a member of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association, he helped to plan the 1928 commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight. Meekins later went on to serve as postmaster of Manteo and chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners.

In 1935, with "limited capital" and "boundless spirit," Meekins began publishing *The Dare County Times*, still published today by the Meekins family as *The Coastland Times*. For years the paper was printed in Elizabeth City until Meekins was able to acquire a larger press and went on to publish more weekly papers for the region – the *Tyrrell County Tribune*, the *Hyde County Herald*, and the *Belhaven Pilot*. His writing style was described as "earthy," characterized by simple sentences and the use of short words, which both infuriated and intrigued his critics.

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Collection Overview:

This Collection contains 238 glass plate negatives, 238 8x10 black and white prints of the negatives, and a 600 dpi digital scan of each image stored on disc and hard drive.

Collection Arrangement:

Collection is arranged numerically and is cataloged to the item level.

Online Catalog Headings:

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

Subject Terms

The Anchorage (Roanoke Island, N.C.)
African Americans
Boats
Businesses
Courthouses
Dough Family
Farms
Fences
Houses
Livestock
Meekins, Daniel Victor (1897-1964)
Meekins Family
Orchards
Roads
Rogers Family
Schools
Shipwrecks

Geographic Terms

Dare County (N.C.)
Fort Raleigh (N.C.)
Manteo (N.C.)
Roanoke Island (N.C.)

Related Collections:

33GRF-20 Aerial Negatives Prior to 1954
33GRF-23 Negatives 1954 or Earlier
33GRF-24 Roger Meekins Photographs Prior to 1954

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS) <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/BasicSearch.aspx>.

Container List:

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